

yet she will remain loyal to her own church, which is as it ought to be.

Brother Cornelius Zielke, Seger, Oklahoma, recently sent us four dollars "to help carry on the work for the Master. Use it where you need it most." We have decided to send the paper for one year to each of four persons who are too poor to pay for it. This is an excellent way to serve the Master, and the Brother has our thanks for the contribution, and we know he will have the same of at least four other persons.

Brother Gillin treats our readers to a very interesting letter of his work of the last few weeks. Brother Gillin is a very busy man, yet he finds time each week, among many other "extras" to prepare notes and comments on the Sunday school lesson.

December 28, 1899, brother J. A. Miller delivered a very acceptable address at the township Sunday school convention held in the German church (Dickey) near Ashland. The brethren invited him to return and preach on the following Sabbath evening which Brother Miller did to the satisfaction of all. It does seem that the old prejudice is dying away. God is to be praised for it.

Sister Viana Detwiler is at Ashland and enrolled in the college as one of its regular students. It affords us pleasure to make this announcement. Sister Detwiler has been working faithfully for the college, and she proves her faith in, and loyalty to, the institution by coming here herself and taking the work which she has invited others to do. While Sister Detwiler expects to work hard while here, yet the labor is so different from that which she has been doing that it will prove a rest, and a rest well earned and deserved. Her contributions to the Sisters' Department will not be discontinued. You may expect to hear from her frequently and be reminded of your duty.

Brother J. F. Koontz, Conemaugh, writes, "We had one more confession on last Sunday evening at our regular service, who was baptized yesterday the 29. We had closed our revival meeting but still they come and others have said they would come in the near future. Praise the Lord." This, as we have often written, is one of the congregations of perpetual revival.

Brother Ole Swadburg who came to Ashland after the National Conference last fall and who attended the fall term of the college, returned to his home, Millersburg, Iowa, the latter part of December. From a private letter to one of the students we learn that he is engaged in revival work in the home congregation. Brother Ole is a faithful, conscientious, consecrated servant of the Master, and the Lord will bless his efforts.

Brother Lyon has been at work on the subscription list of the EVANGELIST in his congregation and would have it completed but for the fact that "grip" laid hold upon him and somewhat interfered with his plans

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Brief Notes

When the truth is known about the "independent" man, it generally turns out that somebody is carrying the big end of his load.

Hopelessness lies at the foundation of many a man's fortune. For the great multitude of toilers there is no prospect but a life of drudgery, and an old age of penury.

"Blessed is the man who considereth the poor, the Lord shall deliver him in time of trouble." Every Christian employer can, if he will, show such practical consideration of the poor as to win this blessing.

See if you cannot devise some sort of a ladder for the man whose courage and ambition to rise in the world is crushed by the apparent impossibility of it. If Christians everywhere would do this, the churches would be filled with men and women earnestly seeking a religion so much like Christ's.

When we are maturing our business plans for the new year, it might be well to reflect that a little clean money would make us a great deal richer than a big lot of dirty money. The least sacrifice of integrity, or charity, or any other moral principle, in order to rake in a few dollars, is to speak plainly, the device of a fool.

The man who prizes his well being in two worlds may much better afford to be indulgent with others than with himself. But the reverse in practice is true of most men, who readily and weakly yield in matters of personal preference and pleasure and in so doing write the word FAILURE in large letters across the record of the year. It is far better to have a good name, a good-respect, and a good conscience than to have a "good time."

A recent fire damp explosion in a Washington coal mine resulted in the death of thirty miners. Now and again the world is startled by the suddenness and horror of these coal mine tragedies, where the men who make our warm winter fires possible are exposed to so much peril. It seems to be a law of nature that the greatest blessings are only won by the greatest sufferings; and it is also true in the realm of grace.

The mayor of a New Jersey town who forbids the selling of ice cream on Sunday but winks at golf, evidently possesses a power of moral discrimination denied to most persons. If he had been educated as a controversial theologian, what a magnificent success he would have made in defining the essential distinctions between tweedle-de and tweedle-dum.

A church in a New York town has put up an electric sign, very much like those employed by theatres. Doubtless it needed to do something to "electrify" the people, but in our humble and old fashioned opinion, a little of the subtle current in the preacher's sermon might produce more satisfactory results. Godly church members make a fine advertisement for a church. Try it.

Some men look through funny glasses. The Rev. Dr. S. G. Smith of St. Paul says that we are on the road to a new savagery because circumstances are compelling women to do men's work. Doubtless it makes many a half finished man feel savage to see a bright woman take his job but the net result, in our opinion, is a distinct gain to civilization. There will be a good deal more hustling for fitness and there is nothing in this to argue the recession of savagery.

General Gatacre's army, led either by treacherous or by ignorant guides, marched into a neat trap set by the Boers and met with a signal defeat. Who can measure the mischief wrought in the world by dishonest or by incompetent guides. Even when we are sure that our guide is sincere and competent, we should reserve something to personal investigation and private judgment. Learn to use your own eyes.

Alleged heirs, or descendants of former owners, have put in a claim for the large property owned by the rich Trinity church in New York. There may

be a case at law, and the contestants would doubtless be very joyful to win, and get possession of the property. If it is a true church, it has a spiritual property far more valuable than its real estate, and which it can, and cheerfully will impart to every claimant. Moreover by so doing it will not become poorer, but richer.

A wager to swallow a number of herring whole, cost a Berliner his life. One of them stuck in his throat and asphyxiation was the quick result. "What a fool," one is tempted to say. But don't be too fast, for much more sensible people are constantly doing themselves irreparable damage by the things which they swallow daily. Every concession to excessive or indulgent appetite is a step along the fatal road which the Berliner traversed at a single leap. Many a luxurious table is undermining many a good constitution.

A number of the Fall River factories have voluntarily increased the wages of their operatives ten per cent. It is't the Millennium exactly, but it shows that some employers of labor are learning a lesson of wisdom as well as humanity, for it is the soundest policy to divide the profits of an increasing prosperity with labor, which is at the basis of it all. It is safe to say that the Fall River factors will do more work and better work. A little practical wisdom of this kind would soon settle all the controversies between labor and capital.

The German Kaiser on leaving England, where he spent a week visiting his royal relatives, took occasion to express his hearty good will toward America, whereupon the newspapers made a great ado about it. Of course we are much obliged, and really the good will of so powerful an emperor is not to be slightly considered. If a corresponding value were estimated upon the approval of God, we might confidently look for the greatest national blessings. God is the god of nations as well as individuals, and He exacts righteousness of a nation, too; and with terrible judgement He often corrects national iniquities.

A young woman of 28 years writes to a daily paper expressing her great aversion to old age, her fear of growing old, and wants to know how to prevent it. A more pertinent and pressing inquiry upon her part would have been to learn how one, lacking common sense, might be able to acquire it. We have not yet heard of a receipt against advancing age. The old Alchemists who sought for the elixir of life are all dead. There is a way, however, to remain young in heart, young in spirit and when we see a silver head who has learned that secret, we have stumbled upon one whose unfailing charm is the delight of every acquaintance.

The New York Salvationists fed a large number of poor families on Christmas day. They are much given to this kind of work, and it is well that they are. Christ fed the hungry multitude, but at the same time he warned them not to be too much concerned for the bread that perisheth. The love of Christ could not brook any spectacle of suffering in others, so he was ready to feed the hungry as well as to preach to the lost. It did not hurt religion in the metropolis for the disciples of the Nazarene to give good Christmas dinners to thousands of destitute families.

The Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, was entertained the other day by one of the Indian princes, who the papers stated had a new set of gold harness made for the occasion, and himself wore great ropes of pearls. Over against this barbaric magnificence glooms the existing Indian famine. Political economists have discovered a vital relation between these two facts, seen with some modification in all countries, and it is the foremost thought of civilization to discover some rational method by which more equal conditions can be made to prevail. The religion of the Lord Jesus Christ is based upon principles which when they have full play will settle all the balances between Dives and Lazarus.